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WANTED TO RENT.

Premises Queen's Road, suitable
for a Store, Apply to

J. P. A. " of this Paper
Hongkong, 20th May, 1898.

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THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS will
be received and will contain:
Local Articles.

The Interrogation in the Governorship
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The Plague.

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Hongkong, 20th May, 1898.

BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE, AND

YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"BENNOH."

Captain Lo Bengill, will be despatched for
the above ports WEDNESDAY, the 25th

inst. at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1898.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-

GATION CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, THE PORT SAID,

SUEZ, ADEN, KARACHI, BOMBAY,

COLOMBO, PENANG, AND SINGA-

POLE.

THE Steamship

"MARQUIS BACQUEHEM"

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby

informed that their goods are being landed at

the risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Limited,

whose delivery may be given.

This vessel carries on cargo:

For Trade, ex. S. Imperator trans-

hipped at Bombay.

From Venice, ex. s.s. Marschallino and Cor-

der, transhipped at Trieste.

From Calcutta ex. Asoka transhipped at

Colombo.

Levante Ports, ex. s.s. Minerva and

Festa.

Optional cargo will be discharged barehanded

in the port where it is transhipped.

No claims will be admitted after the goods

have left the Godowns and all claims must be

sent in to the underwriters before noon on

the 25th May, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any

Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 25th

May will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be forwarded by

SANDER, WIELER & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1898.

WANTED.

A PORTUGUESE CITIZEN. Must be a

short-hand writer and have a perfect

knowledge of the English language. Good

salary for able and experienced man.

Apply by letter to

"H. A. B."

Care of Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1898.

SITUATION WANTED.

A N ENGLISHMAN, who has had several

years' experience in a Merchantile Firm,

is ready to accept a position as Office Assistant.

Send reference.

"R. Z."

Care of Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1898.

NOTICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.

A MERICAN CITIZENS residing in the

Consular District of Canton, which

includes Sanyang, Weihow, Macao,

Shantou, Amoy, and Fatsui, are re-

quested to receive at the Consulate either

personally or by certified letter setting forth

the date and place of birth and last residence in the

Unit-States.

The advantages of registration are obvious

and may prove of value in time of need.

There is no fee or charge for registration.

EDWARD SEDDLE,

U.S. CONSUL.

United States Consulate,

Canton, China, 1st February, 1898.

GOLD LEAF.

CHONG HING, 117, BONHAM STRAND,

Hongkong, has for Sale Gold Leaf

guaranteed 100 troy. Lowest Rate.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1898.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF

CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

T HE Undersigned, residing This Day from

the Stewardship of the Society and Mr.

DORCAS JONES, has been appointed his

successor.

Pending Mr. Jones's arrival until further

notice Mr. W. J. SAUNDERS will act as

Secretary.

By Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1898.

NOTICE.

D URING the absence of Mr. H. M. H.

ABOUBAKER, the business of our

Firm will be carried on by Mr. MOLEDINA

HAJEE PEREMALAO MED, who is authorized

to sign in Hongkong on behalf of the

HAJEE ADMIRAL SHAIKH & CO.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1898.

NOTICE.

The firm of deputations can be seen at the

offices of the General Managers or at the

Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking

Corporation.

By Order of the Directors,

G. HOLME, RINGER & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1898.

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DRAWS IN
AMERICAN AND JAPAN TRADE, CHINA,
SOUTH, NETHERLANDS, HOLLAND, ETC.,
PHILIPPINES, BORNEO, ETC.,
WITH SPECIAL ATTACHMENT
TO THE CHINA DIRECTORY
AND THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY
AND BOSS LIST FOR THE FAR EAST.
FOR 1898.

The CHINA SIXTH ANNUAL ISSUE,
REVIEWED AND COMPARED WITH TWELVE MAPS
AND CHARTS, IS NOW IN PRESS, AND WILL BE
READY FOR DISPATCH ONLY ON
MAY 25TH.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
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AVIATED WATERS.
All our marine stores are sold throughout
the Far East, and are invariably pre-
ferred by account of their excellence.

ABSOLUTE PURITY is guaranteed.
The best materials only are used,
and the prices are only half those
charged in England.

WATERS MANUFACTURED
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Sir Edward Frankland, K.C.B., D.C.L.,
F.R.S., F.G.S., &c., the greatest living
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It possesses an extremely high
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of most excellent quality for
drinking."

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Established A.D. 1811.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1898.

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Orders for our copies of "Daily Press" should be sent to our office at 10, Canton Road, Hongkong, or to our agents, Messrs. T. & J. T. Coates, Agents for "Daily Press," Hongkong.

On the 15th May, the sixt Inspector J. T. T. Coates, Agent for "Daily Press," Hongkong, left for Macao.

There were 15 cases of plague reported yesterday and 17 deaths.

A Marine Court will sit on the Harbour Office at 10.30 a.m. to inquire into the circumstances connected with the stranding of the British steamer "Glen Pea" in Shek Fa.

The Hongkong rifle Association's annual prize meeting will be held on Saturday and Monday, 28th and 29th May. The programme will be published in our advertisement columns to-morrow.

The Singapore Free Press states that General Attwells had his passage taken from Singapore by the Justice under the name of Mr. Barrington. Mr. Lewis, Private Secretary, was Mr. Newman, while Col. Phipps, Adjutant-General, was Mr. Horner.

About ten to twelve, when I was lying sick in bed, Dr. U. K. King, the First Brigade surgeon, came and sent to 10½ Queen's Road West—a Chinese shop. Here they found some wood on fire. The flames were soon extinguished but little damage was done.

Mr. Ho Tung, the Hon. Treasurer of Gads, Dr. U. K. King's wife and children, who beg to acknowledge with thanks the following donations:—American Friends—\$1,000; Dr. S. S. Loeng, Sir Kong, St. R. M. Gibson, \$5; Chan Kan-ti, \$5; Chan Teik-si, \$5; Yung Hin Peng, \$5; H. Rattonjee, \$5.

The Raub mining report mentions the discovery of another extensive gold lode in the Raub Hole, at a great depth. It promises to be quite as good as the old hole, after it is worked out, which has yielded several thousands of ounces of gold. It is said, it is stated that this is equivalent to the discovery of a fresh mine.

Since the first outbreak, two years ago, there have been 81,185 deaths from plague "reported" in the Boumbay Presidency. The terrible mortality bill exceeds that of the great plague of London, as according to the most reliable authorities not more than 70,000 people were lost by that visitation.

The Band of the King's Own Regiment will play the following programme at the Officer Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at 8 p.m.:—

"Giovanni d'Arco" Viral Selections. "Lieutenant Larcher" Daniel. "Laure" Waldegrave. "Molere" Tours Selections. "La Santambra" Bellini. "Only more" Odeon.

God save the Queen.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday the President (Dr. J. M. Atkinson) said he had received a letter from Mr. MacCallum, who said his health had improved and that he intended to leave Japan on the 1st June.

At the same Court yesterday afternoon the editor of Justice (Sir John Carrington) said he wished to express his regret that judgment had been so long delayed in the case of Massie, and that the Director of Public Works (the Hon. E. D. Ormsby), the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Clark) and the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon (C. Vivian Laddie), the latter acting as Secretary.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted as a correct record.

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LATRINES.

The Director of Public Works had given notice of his intention to move to the attention of Government to invite the Board to make in the Budget for 1898 for at least two weeks to come a sum of £1,000 for the construction of latrines in the city and that vote be appropriated for this service until the wants of the City in this respect were fully met." Mr. Ormsby observed that in moving this resolution he was not by any means certain that the desire to furnish the Board with the amount of money voted out of the public funds would have his support, but that the plaintiff will have his right to object to such costs the costs of dredging being the largest item.

It was often the case that Commissioners' reports were too long delayed and that they were

not in time to be of much use. The steamer "Nanoo" struck the rock declared to be the only one in the river, and suggested that the Board might be asked to sanction the temporary removal of a portion of the rock.

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A. S. WATSON AND CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report of the General Manager for the year ending the 31st December, 1897, for presents to the shareholders at the thirteenth annual ordinary general meeting of the Company (see its regulation) to be held at the Hongkong Dispensary on Saturday, the 29th May, twelve o'clock noon:—

To the shareholders of A. S. Watson & Co.,

Attention!—It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Mr. John David Humphreys, which occurred at Farnham, England, on the 8th November last. Mr. Humphreys was General Manager of the Company from its formation in 1887 till the time of his death, when, in accordance with his special request, he passed on the 11th December, 1897, and, confirmed on the 29th December, 1897, we became the General Managers of the Company.

We now beg to lay before you a statement of the Company's business, with a Balance Sheet for the year ending the 31st December, 1897.

The following statement shows the Company for the twelve months under review to have paid all charges, including General Management, and providing for all bad and doubtful debts, with the addition of \$12,431.15 brought forward from last year amounting to \$8,575.15.

This year there has been written off for Depreciation of Furniture, Fixtures, Tools of Trade, Machinery and Building, Inc. £1,000.00. And from the value of the property known as Remaking Portion Inland Lot No. 19 and the Building thereon ... 21,055.32

Leasing an available balance of \$8,336.14. We paid an interim dividend of 5 percent in November last amounting \$8,000.00. And we now propose to pay a further dividend of 5 percent (making 10 percent for the year) which will absorb £1,000.00.

To carry forward to 188 for account of \$8,575.15.

The considerable increase in the amount shown in the present balance sheet under the heading of stocks-in-trade and the heavier liabilities are consequent on important extensions made during the year under review in the Company's business operations in Amoy and Hongkong.

The respective values of the two properties Remaking Portion Inland Lot No. 19 and the buildings thereon and Inland Lot No. 16 and the buildings thereon better known as the building formerly occupied by the Hongkong Club have been adjusted by reducing the book value of the former to the extent of \$2,000.00 and increasing that of the latter by the same amount.

Our Rural Building Lot No. 16 and the buildings thereon, not being further required for the Company's business, was sold in December last at a profit of \$2,000.00 above book value.

The Company's accounts in London have been audited by Messrs. Higgs, Bairstow and Walker, Chartered Accountants, and those at the head office by Messrs. G. F. Jackson.

The business of the Company continues to be of an expanding and satisfactory character.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,

Hongkong, 15th May, 1898.

BALANCE SHEET, 31 DECEMBER, 1897.

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Capital and general liabilities in the last 69,000.00

Local and general liabilities in the last 65,556.47

Total capital and general liabilities in the last 134,556.47

Mortage on inland lot No. 16 and the buildings thereon 105,605.83

Unpaid dividends 12,000.00

Senate deposits from staff 3,875.00

Profit and loss, for and from 1896 12,700.00

Bank balance 12,000.00

